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# HEROES

## CHAPTER 18 HOW DO YOU STOP AN EXPLODING MAN? PART TWO

Ted Sprague's life has come crashing down around him. His family, his job, his home, all are now gone. He's left only with the burning question: why he has these strange nuclear powers? Unfortunately, those who have the answers have found him first...



**S**OMEWHERE IN THE  
NEW MEXICO DESERT.

MY NAME IS **THEODORE  
SPRAGUE. TED.**  
I CAN EMIT 10,000 GJ OF  
RADIATION FROM MY BODY.

I'D BEEN **HUNTING** FOR THE  
MEN WHO GAVE ME THE ABILITY  
TO UNLEASH **ATOMIC HELL**. TEN  
SECONDS AGO, THEY FOUND **ME**.

WHAT THE  
HELL DO YOU  
**WANT?**



I'M HERE  
TO PUT YOU  
OUT OF YOUR  
**MISERY,**  
TED.

WHY IS HE SO  
**CONFIDENT?**  
DOESN'T HE  
KNOW I COULD  
WIPE HIM OFF  
THE FACE OF  
THE EARTH?

**HOSE  
HIM!**



THIS STUFF...  
I CAN'T **MOVE!**  
IT'S GETTING  
**THICKER!**  
GETTING **HARDER!**  
LIKE --



LIQUID CONCRETE. SAME STUFF THE RUSSIANS USED TO CONTAIN CHERNOBYL.

WHO ARE YOU?



RELAX, TED. THE NIGHTMARE IS OVER.

LOAD HIM UP FOR TRANSPORT.



I CAN'T LET THEM WIN. NOT UNTIL I MAKE THEM PAY FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE.



IT CAN'T END. NOT LIKE THIS. THEIR EVIL DEEDS REQUIRED --



A full-page comic book illustration in a green and yellow color scheme. A man in a dark trench coat and hat is running through a field of debris and smoke. In the background, a car is overturned and another person is lying on the ground. The scene is filled with motion lines and a sense of urgency.

-- PAYBACK!

AFTER THE EXPLOSION,  
I SEARCHED FOR THE  
MAN IN CHARGE. HE  
**MUST** HAVE SURVIVED.

BUT THERE WAS  
NO **SIGN** OF HIM.  
**ANYWHERE.**

HE MUST'VE **FLED**,  
LEAVING HIS DEAD  
MEN BEHIND.

NO MATTER, I STILL HAD  
THAT CLUE FROM **HANA**,  
THE MYSTERIOUS WOMAN  
WHO COULD HEAR THE  
**INTERNET** IN HER HEAD.  
SHE CALLED HERSELF  
**WIRELESS.**

# HOW DO YOU STOP AN EXPLODING MAN?

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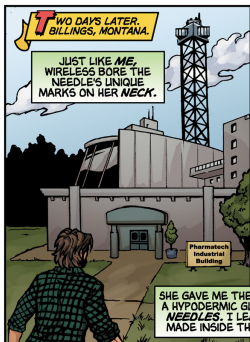
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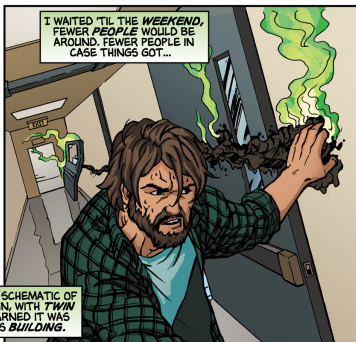
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SHE GAVE ME THE SCHEMATIC OF  
A HYPODERMIC GUN, WITH *TWIN*  
NEEDLES. I LEARNED IT WAS  
MADE INSIDE THIS BUILDING.



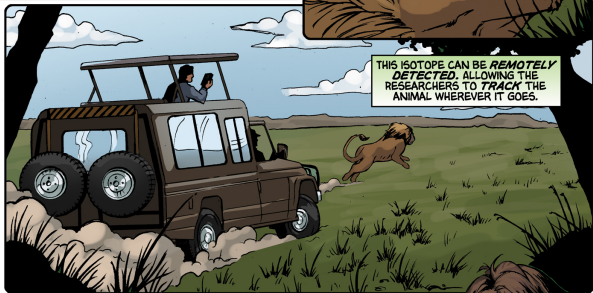




I ASKED HIM WHAT THE HYPO GUN WAS FOR. DID THEY USE IT TO **CHANGE** ME? TO MAKE ME INTO A **FREAK**? I WASN'T READY FOR HIS ANSWER.



THE HYPO GUN IS USED BY WILDLIFE RESEARCHERS. THEY **TRANQUILIZE** THEIR PREY, THEN USE THE HYPO GUN TO INJECT THE BEAST WITH A SPECIAL **ISOTOPE**.



THIS ISOTOPE CAN BE **REMOVEDLY DETECTED**. ALLOWING THE RESEARCHERS TO **TRACK** THE ANIMAL WHEREVER IT GOES.



WAS THAT WHAT I HAD **BECOME**? A **WILD ANIMAL** TO BE TRACKED AND STUDIED? GUESS I COULD **RUN** --



-- BUT I COULD NO LONGER **HIDE**.

To Be **CONTINUED...**